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Black History Month celebrated on campus

Becky Lathrop
STAFF REPORTER

Though many people generally associate February with Valentines Day and think of it as the month of love, it is much more than that. With National Carrot Cake day on the third and Hoodie-Hoo Day on the twentieth, February is filled with all kinds of holidays.

In addition to the day-to-day craziness, February is also Black History Month and Hope College does not let it slip by unnoticed.

Many different organizations have joined forces to sponsor this celebration during February. Their goal is to educate students on black history and current events that deal with African Americans.

A number of events, which are open to the public, have been scheduled for this month.

Working with Fred Johnson, professor of history, and the Black Student Union, the Department of Multicultural Life has been working to celebrate and spread the information about the impact of African Americans on the history of our country.

The events began in January with the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration series and

Gospelfest. Since then, many more have taken place, capturing the attention of a wide variety of audiences and offering a vast array of knowledge.

The keynote address, which was held on Feb. 12, featured Rev. Dr. Clifton Rhodes Jr. who presented "Revitalizing the Spirit of Unity - Beholding the Beauty of God" in Maas Auditorium.

Other events have included the Multicultural Life Enrichment Series, which started on Feb. 5 with Karima Jeffrey, professor of English. These events include a speech by a professor followed by a question-and-answer period. They allow those in attendance to gain a different viewpoint on the topic and to engage in discussion in a safe environment.

More Enrichment Series events are scheduled to take place this month and will continue into March.

Varying a little from the traditional Black History Month events, the group "Step Afrika!" performed at the Knickerbocker Theatre on Monday. The group, which was founded to promote the appreciation of the

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Hope hockey to face off in national tournament



ANCHOR PHOTO BY ROB ONDRA

With their 14-0 pounding of Oakland, Hope's hockey team finished their season with a bang. The team has qualified for the national tournament for the third year in a row. The tournament is scheduled to be played March 4-6 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Before heading south, the Dutchmen will play for the conference championship this weekend.

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Science departments make plans for summer research

Jenny Cencer
SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

Hope currently possesses five grants for summer student research from the National Science Foundation's "Research Experiences for Undergraduates" (NSF-REU) program, more than any other liberal arts college in the country.

A variety of scientific summer internships in the fields of mathematics, chemistry, geology, environmental science, biology, com-

puter science, physics, and engineering are available for students who wish to participate in research opportunities alongside professors and scholars from each particular field. Each grant allows students to apply to conduct full-time research experiments with faculty for eight to 10 weeks, receiving stipends of \$3,400 to \$3,800.

The physics and engineering internships last 10 weeks, from May 17 to July 23. All students entering their sophomore, junior or

senior year in the fall of 2004 are welcome to apply.

Specific research projects being conducted by physics and engineering professors include Studies in Nuclear Physics, by Paul A. DeYoung and Graham F. Peaslee; High Energy Phenomena in Neutron Star Magnetospheres, by Peter L. Gonthier; and many more. Applications are available online or from John Krupczak, professor of physics and engineering.

The computer science department is also offering an opportunity for undergraduate students to participate in a 10-week research program running from June 1 to Aug. 6.

Projects for the upcoming summer led by computer science professors include, among others, Using Readability Measures to Estimate Software Complexity, led by Herbert L. Dershem, and Electronic

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Campus Brief

Cohen receives Fulbright Award

William Cohen, professor of history, will spend a year teaching in Japan through an award from the Fulbright Scholar Program. Cohen, who retired in 2001 after teaching at Hope for 30 years, will be in Japan from September of 2004 to July of 2005, teaching at Yokohama National University and Kyoritsu Women's University. Cohen, whose long-time specialization is in American history, will be teaching U.S. history courses which will explore the intersections between U.S. and Japanese history and culture.

Hope English professor remembered

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"If someone asked me what I want most at this very moment: Peace, love, between us all, all of us, not just here, but from the spirit into the far reaches of existence. If my poems can awaken even a little fraction of that in anyone...how gratifying."

Susan Atefat-Peckham told the Holland Sentinel after the 2000 release of her National Poetry Series Award-winning poetry collection, "That Kind of Sleep."

Atefat-Peckham died after a Feb. 7 car crash in Jordan. She was an assistant professor in the English Department at Hope from 1999-2002. Her husband, Joel Peckham, also taught English at Hope.

He was seriously injured in the accident. Their eldest son, Cyrus, was killed, along with Atefat-Peckham's mother. Their younger son, Darius, was seriously injured. Both Joel and Darius remain in a Jordanian hospital. A Jordanian tutor and friend was also killed in the accident.

Atefat-Peckham will be remembered by those who knew her as a caring and concerned person, according to Peter Schakel, chairman of the English Department.

"She was a very good teacher and a very warm loving person. Students were really drawn to her," Schakel said.

After leaving Hope, Atefat-Peckham became an assistant professor at Georgia College and State University. She and her husband were named Fulbright Scholars and had moved to Jordan in January to teach during

were her children.

"She and Joel were very loving and devoted parents. Both were very close to Cyrus and Darius," Schakel said.

Hope remembered Atefat-Peckham and her son, Cyrus, whom some Hope students had baby-sat for, at a memorial service on Tuesday. Atefat-Peckham was of Iranian descent, which was

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Susan Atefat-Peckham

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Parking changes cause confusion

Mackenzie Smith

MANAGING EDITOR

Recent changes in the enforcement of campus parking rules have led to many misunderstandings between students and campus safety.

The most dramatic of these changes concerned students parking overnight or over the weekend in faculty lots.

"What had been common practice for several years is students being allowed to park in faculty-staff lots overnight and having the owner move by 7 a.m. the next day," said Greg Maybury, Hope's director of operations and technology.

This may have been tolerated in the past, but the record snowfalls Holland received in January changed that.

"The restrictions have been more closely enforced recently, due to the snow," said Sergeant Chad Wolters of

Campus Safety. Wolters acknowledged that the current parking situation was tight, because of the large number of permits that have been issued.

Because of the snow, the grounds department was under pressure to clear the faculty lots by the time staff arrived each morning.

An e-mail was sent to all Hope students announcing that cars left overnight in faculty lots would be ticketed and/or towed. The announcement was also posted on Knowhope.

"A few students didn't catch it, or just didn't understand that it meant 'No overnight parking in faculty lots,'" Maybury said.

This led to at least 10 cars being towed. The owners of these cars were then responsible for paying the towing fee, which was upwards of \$145.

This issue has become more of a problem this year partly due to the changes in Cam-

pus Safety's authority.

"In the past we've always had access to Law Enforcement Information Network, so we could run a license plate number and find out whose car it was," said Wolters. Without that capability, it is now impossible for campus safety to notify the owners of unregistered vehicles if their cars need to be moved.

Unregistered vehicles cause other problems as well.

Current policy is that if an unregistered vehicle is ticketed five or more times, a wheel-disabling device will be placed on it, forcing the owner to come to Campus Safety.

"(The owner) has to pay all the tickets they've gotten so far, plus a fine," Wolters said.



ANCHOR PHOTO BY ROB ONDRA

Record snowfalls interfered with parking.

"The main purpose for using the boot is to identify students who don't have registration."

Tickets are issued by full-time officers and by student officers, who mainly work between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. The officers have no ticket quotas but are expected to enforce parking rules.

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cultural art form of "stepping," is a project between young artists from the U.S. and the South Africa-based Soweto Dance Theater.

Anyone who missed out on the events that have already taken place can still attend those that will be held later this month and through-

out the year.

The next event will be held Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. Paul Boersma, Hope's chaplain, and his mother, Connie Boersma, will be presenting "One Family's Story" in Maas Auditorium at 4 p.m.

At this event, also a part of the

Enrichment Series, they will share their experiences with issues regarding race while living in southeast Grand Rapids for over four decades. They will discuss the substantial changes that have taken place in the area.

Though many events have taken place recently during Black History Month, others are held throughout the year, as the Black Student Union and Office of Multicultural Life make it their goal to raise the awareness of contributions by those with different backgrounds to our nation.

Kevin Smittie ('05), the president of BSU, wants all students to know that the BSU is not just for African Americans.

"The group is open to all who want to learn more about African-Americans and the different backgrounds that will be encountered by all," said Smittie. "The organization should be seen as a resource of information on what history teachers only spend one month teaching on in high school."

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expressed in her writing. Because of this, a typical Iranian funeral custom of "passing the dates" was incorporated into the service.

Part of the service also included the words of Atefat-Peckham. The service was videotaped and sent to the family.

Memoirs, poems, and other writings by students, faculty and friends

of Atefat-Peckham may be sent, by April 1, to the English Department for collection in a memorial volume.

Memorial contributions to the Susan Atefat-Peckham and Cyrus Atefat-Peckham Scholarship for International Understanding may be made out to Hope College and sent to the English Department.



Step Afrika performed at the Knick this past week.

Excerpt from Susan Atefat Peckham's

"Marvari: Pearl Tree"

-for Joel-

He asks if I remember them-I remember/few, I say. Leaning deep into leaves,/my uncle pinched and turned white berries/ from the pearl tree in hands as old and twisted/as the branches/ He rushed to where I waited,/ uncurled his palm and tossed them, rolling/into linen spread on my lap. He squeezed/my fingers into his and pushed the silver

point/through each fruit... I return/to the garden, alive again with yellow flowers/ and the fresh scent of cucumbers. I am tall/enough now, but he holds my fingers back/and thrusts his own arthritic hand in leaves,/his mind fixed on a memory. One wet finger/unfolds and reveals a palmful of pearls./ He asks if I remember him.



Phil Waalkes

Columnist

Men Women and Rape

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Fraternities can help prevent sexual assault

Blaming fraternities for rape on college campuses is destructive and often simply false, because sexual assault is a byproduct of our culture, of the way men and women are taught to act.

However, according to "Fraternities and the Rape Culture," by Chris Sullivan, a college student in a fraternity is more likely to commit a violent sexual act than other college males. So it is important to examine the social conditions surrounding some fraternities whose members have chose to rape women.

For many men, fraternities are an opportunity to form lifelong friendships and find belonging in lasting tradition. Strong identification with such a group, however, can replace individual ethics

with group ethics.

Being part of a fraternity whose culture overrides the individual is healthy and satisfying for countless college men. However, such groups are destructive when they encourage disrespectful and violent behavior.

While many fraternity houses are comfortable and safe places for women, masculine values and ways of relating to women cause some fraternities to foster sexual aggression.

Fraternities are also capable of developing an us-versus-them mentality where brothers pass judgment on others because they are not part of the "in-group." This thinking encourages sexually aggressive behaviors when fraternities emphasize masculine gender roles that assume the "us" is masculine and more important than

the feminine "them."

Some blame the presence of alcohol at frat parties for rape, but it's more the atmosphere at some parties that does it.

Regardless of alcohol, men are less likely to assault women they know and respect. Some frat parties create an atmosphere of gender-segregated groups, which allows little more than superficial conversation and empty flirting between the sexes.

Fraternities can reduce sexual assault on college campuses by changing the focus of their parties from sexual conquest to social interaction. Simply providing seating and turning down the music can create a more comfortable environment.

Hope's administration can help reduce fraternity problems by creating more informal student hang-out spaces that

emphasize conversation and mutual respect. The Kletz is closed most weekend nights, leaving students with few informal social options other than frat parties.

A rape-free college community needs to develop an open, respectful understanding among all its members. Such a community needs to emphasize social interaction, situations where men and women can talk about politics, love, philosophy and themselves, where people develop respect for each other and a sense of belonging.

Parties at frat houses can be a great place to start such interaction, but they should not be the only option. If everybody on our campus valued each other and felt secure in their lives, rape would cease to exist.

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Shea- Are you kidding me?! - Mykah

Hope College Dining Services- If a perspective student's dad can "help himself" to some bagels at Phelps, I think you can afford to let me have a pineapple. It's one piece of fruit! -Sean

Lea, Alicia, and Jen- More shindigs in the near future, eh?

Nick- Stop harassing my staff on Tuesday nights or I will bite your face off. -Anj

Chand- Come visit. There's a whole new crop of blonde skinnies. -Anjey

Bobo lives!!

Trink- Aberdeen, eh? How can I call you? I don't know what the international code is. -Puh-sood

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Michigan- Please review your driver's ed manual. <3 New York

S- Please make sure you keep the big five away from me. -A

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Uglyone- Keep working on the squeak -Tefflon

GP- Thanks a whole lot.

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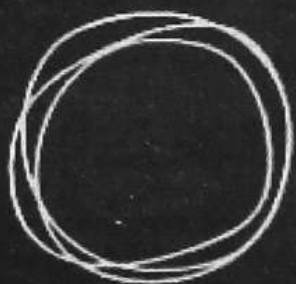


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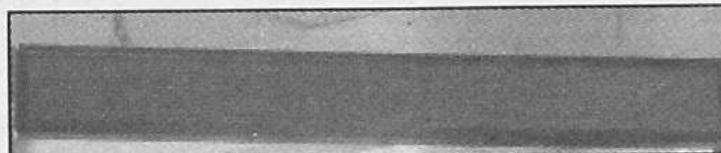
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This week's count: 124

Editor's voice

Remembering Susan

After three years at Hope and two years away, Susan Atefat Peckham is still making an impact. Her death has shaken the English Department. Susan and her husband, Joel, were loved by students and colleagues alike. Tuesday's memorial service reflected the ties between the couple and Hope college. That is why, instead of the usual Editor's Voice column this week, I'd like everyone to take a moment to remember her and get to know her through the legacy she left at Hope and through her writing.

AROUSS BRIDE

Balancing on my toes, I pushed
my arms up petticoats, squinted
at my face, round in the silver
curves of the samovar. Lili looped
buttons into a line hanging neat
and loose like strung beads.

Grandfather sat waiting with string,
netting lace around his fingers,
waited for me to come and finish
our game but dropped the string
and slapped his knees, yelling
Arouss! Arouss! Bride! Bride!

We left. He should have come
with us. Instead, he pulled my fist
as if a thread through eyes of stiff
bracelets, said, Yes, Yes, we will,
sometime, to visit, your Grandma
and I, Happy Birthday, for now.

I blew the candles cold, one wish
burnt and lost in warmth, saying,
Have to leave to America now,
can't stay to hear you sing sad
verses, Sadi, Hafiz, Rumi,
can't stay to pull you through

smoke of burning corn, through
sun-dried streets of bazaar
peasants. His gold still rounds
my wrist like old, half-forgotten
words, whispering Arouss, Arouss,
Arouss. And I will marry soon.

—by Susan Atefat Peckham, from *That Kind of Sleep* (2001)

Your voice

Hope needs to live up to its claims of campus diversity

To the editor:

Why is Hope College so segregated? Why is the student population 93% white? In an environment dedicated to learning and growth, why is cultural diversity stifled?

According to Dr. Green of the Psychology Department, the 2000 U.S. Census showed that Michigan is the most racially segregated state in the country. 2,320 of the 3,052 students enrolled at Hope last semester came from Michigan. If Hope is to be a place of diversity and heightened cultural awareness, why is this happening?

Allow us to share a few other statistics with you:

Diversity Percentages	Hope College (2003)	City of Holland (2000)	United States (2000)
White, Euro-American	93	78	75
Asian	2.0	4.0	4.0
Black	1.0	2	12
Latino	2.0	22	12
American Indian*	0.2	0.6	1.0

Note: all information taken from the U.S. government and Hope College

We cannot avoid noticing blaring disparities between the three. Across all racial categories, Hope had a higher percentage of white population but a lower population percentage for every other category.

We ask Hope to live up to the standards of cultural diversity that it has set in place for its students.

The Visitation Day brochure states, "...the demanding academic program is supported by an accepting Christian campus community. Students from all walks of life are welcomed, respected, and given the free-

dom to grow in this vibrant environment."

If Hope College really felt this strongly toward maintaining a diverse and open environment, it would be at least as diverse, if not more so than the United States. Hope doesn't even have near the same percent of Hispanics as Holland and our neighboring communities in Ottawa County. If we were minority students, Hope is not a place where we would choose to be.

And so, we first make our plea to the administration. We applaud you, Dean Frost and Mr. Bekkering, for your comments about diversity in the Jan. 28 issue of the Anchor. You said, "Hope needs to have a deeper understanding of diversity..." How do you plan to initiate this understanding? You are the leadership we esteem and admire. If Hope is to be a wonderfully diverse place, you must do your part to lead us in that endeavor. There is so much to learn—academically, spiritually, and emotionally—from a community of diversity. We are Phelps Scholars and can personally attest to this. Please live up to the standards you set in place for us.

But we also look to the students. We are Hope College. And if this is not a welcoming place for all people, that reflects on us as well. Think about how you live your life and the choices you make. If you're reading this and thinking that diversity isn't important, then you haven't made many friends of other ethnicities. Hope College, we are missing out on so much that God has for us! Embrace ethnic and racial diversity, and you will be forever changed for the better.

—Brian Barry ('06)
—Joseph Tolton ('05)

Will same-sex marriage destroy the American way?

To the editor:

Last week, White House advisers implied that George W. Bush plans to back a bill that amends the U.S. Constitution to ban same-sex marriages. Bush has not made any position official as of yet. Below is a list of truly logical reasons why this ban would work for America.

1. Homosexuality is not natural, much like eyeglasses, polyester, and birth control.
2. Heterosexual marriages are valid because they produce children. Infertile couples and old people can't legally get married because the world needs more children.
3. Obviously, gay parents will raise gay children, since straight parents only raise straight children.
4. Straight marriage will be less meaningful if gay marriage is allowed, since Britney Spears' 55-hour just-for-fun marriage was

meaningful.

5. Heterosexual marriage has been around a long time and hasn't changed at all; women are property, blacks can't marry whites, and divorce is illegal.

6. Gay marriage should be decided by people, not the courts, because the majority-elected legislatures, not courts, have historically protected the rights of the minorities.

7. Gay marriage is not supported by religion. In a theocracy like ours, the values of one religion are imposed on the entire country. That's why we have only one religion in America.

8. Gay marriage will encourage people to be gay, in the same way that hanging around tall people will make you tall.

9. Legalizing gay marriage will open the door to all kinds of crazy behavior. People may even wish to marry their pets because a dog has

legal standing and can sign a marriage contract.

10. Children can never succeed without a male and a female role model at home. That's why single parents are forbidden to raise children.

11. Gay marriage will change the foundation of society. Heterosexual marriage has been around for a long time, and we could never adapt to new social norms because we haven't adapted to things like cars or longer life spans.

12. Civil unions, providing most of the same benefits as marriage with a different name are better, because a "separate but equal" institution is always constitutional. Separate schools for African-Americans worked just as well as separate marriages for gays and lesbians will.

—Nick Denis ('03)

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Current Events

Some information on some of the questions asked of Hope's students

Democratic candidates include: John Kerry, Howard Dean, John Edwards, Al Sharpton, Wesley Clark, and Dennis Kucinich. John Kerry has won 12 of 14 state primaries thus far.

On February 6, 2001 Ariel Sharon was elected prime Minister of Israel. Sharon is presenting his new form of the Israel government to Knesset on February 27.

After the Massachusetts debate over gay marriage started, San Francisco distributed over 400 licenses.

Spirit and Opportunity are the names of the two Land Rovers on Mars. Spirit has spent its 40th sol roving 2.95 feet towards the feature "stone council" and flaky rock called "Mimi". Opportunity arrived at outpost Charlie on sol 19. Its next destination is hematite-rich area where it will dig a trench.

Tony Blair was elected prime minister in 1997. He was 43 years old and became the youngest prime minister since Lord Liverpool in 1812. In 2001, Blair was re-elected with another landslide majority.

Bird Flu epidemic has hit Asia. More than 14 people have died in over 10 Asian countries. This disease is contracted through contact with avian virus infected birds. Symptoms include fever, sore throat and coughing. Researchers are still searching for a vaccine.

Students examine current events

SPOTLIGHT

Students reveal lack of knowledge of current events in pop culture, politics, and campus news

Erin L'Hotta

INFOCUS EDITOR

The "Hope bubble". The common joke tossed around Hope's campus. This joke mocks Hope students and their lack of awareness of their surroundings outside of campus. But is this joke the truth? Or is it a common misconception?

Christian Zylstra ('04) is one student who believed that it is easy for students to not be aware of national and world events.

"I have to force myself to pay attention to the news, although I really am interested," said Zylstra. Zylstra watches a half an hour of the "Today Show" every Monday through Friday. She also tries to scan CNN headlines daily.

Mike Braaksma ('07) believed that it is not just Hope College, but America in general that needs to pay better attention to political going-ons.

"I infrequently watch the news, but I do realize that it is important to pay attention," said Braaksma. "It's the American tendency not to pay attention."

So, does this American tendency prove true to Hope students?

Ten Hope students were chosen at random around campus. These numbers consisted of five females and five males, two freshmen, three sophomores, two juniors and three seniors.

These students were then asked nine questions regarding national and world news and one campus question.

The question is: do students pay more attention to campus run events than the dealings of the real world?

The Anchor's survey shows that in a small sample, Hope students lack awareness of national and world news.

Question #1: Name one of the democratic candidates running for president?

8/10 were able to name one democratic candidate

6/10 named John Kerry

2/10 named Howard Dean

Question #2: What is the name of Israel's prime minister?

Correct Answer: "Ariel Sharon" - Scott Dalessandro ('04)

2/10 students answered this question correctly

Question #3: This spring, Massachusetts will be the first state to do what?

Correct Answer: "Have legal gay marriage" - Sidra Tees ('05)

3/10 students answered this question correctly

One of the wrong answers included:

"Make a quarter"

Question #4: What place did President Bush decide America should recently explore?

Correct Answer: "Mars" - Paul Simon ('04)

3/10 got this question correct

Some of the wrong answers included:

"Cities" and

"The moon"

Question #5: Name one of the land rovers over Mars?

Correct Answer: "Spirit" - Tony Kreucher ('06)

1/10 answered this question correctly

Some of the comments included:

"What's a rover?"

"A what?"

"They have names?"

Question #6: What is the new disease invading Asia?

Correct Answer: "Bird Flu" - Jack Lin ('06)

2/10 got this question correct

Some of the wrong answers included:

"Monkey Pox" and "SARS"

Question #7: Who is the prime minister of England?

Correct Answer: "Tony Blair" - Amber Rogers ('07)

6/10 got this question correct

Question #8: What is Michael Jackson accused of?

Correct Answer: "Child molestation" - Shea Tuttle ('05)

10/10 got this question correct

Question #9: What TV incident is the FCC looking into?

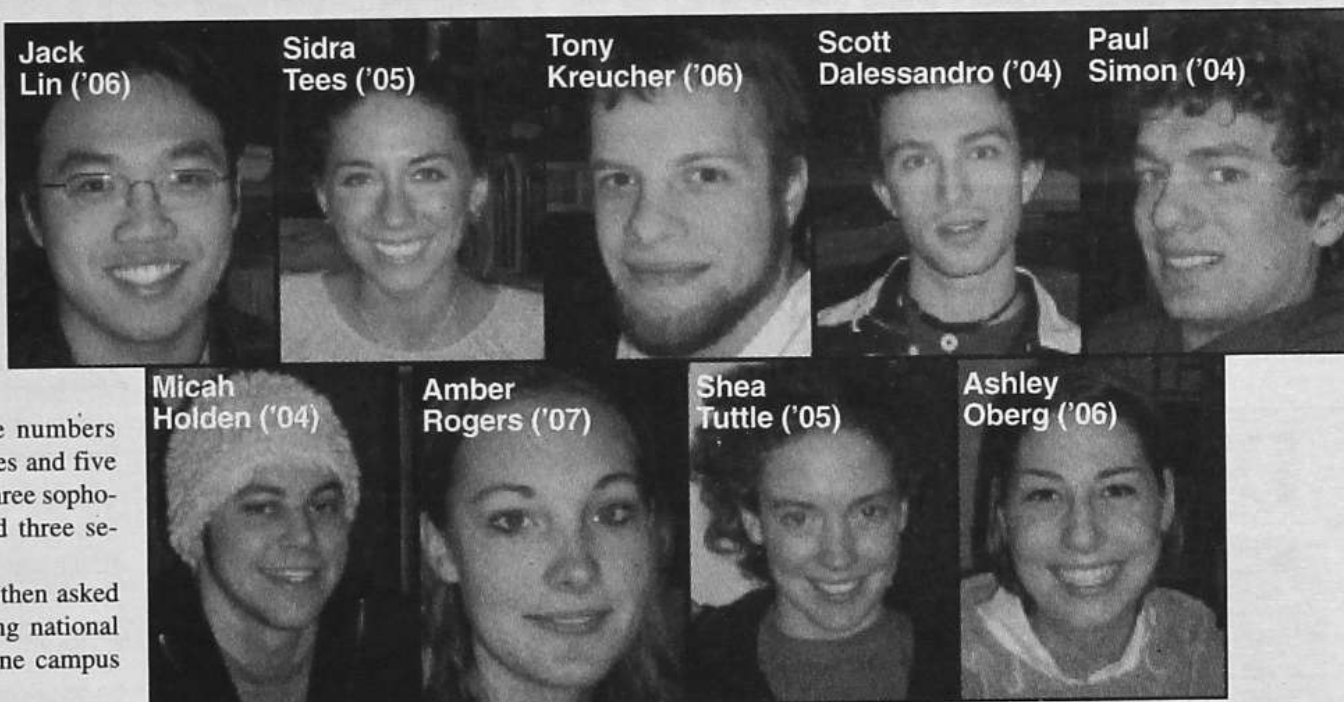
Correct Answer: "Janet Jackson's risqué Super Bowl halftime show" - Micah Holden ('04)

9/10 got this question correct

Question #10: What big campus event is coming up on Feb. 21?

Correct Answer: "Fantasia" - Ashley Oberg ('06)

7/10 got this question correct



Seen & Heard

How well do you think Hope students stay up to date on current events?



"As far as Hope students stay up-to-date, Hope students seem readily knowledgeable on a variety of topics from economics to more prevalent governmental issues."

--Nick Buntin ('06)



"I think that Hope students could do a lot better job keeping up with current events. They should take more time to read the newspaper and talk."

--Molly Baxter ('04)



"Hope College as a whole would not keep up on current events as much because people are focussed on other things like studies and within the college."

--Brandon Alleman ('06)



"Hope students don't stay very up to date on current events because they are just stuck in a bubble and don't really care about what's going on."

--Laurie Scharp ('05)



"I don't think so. This is a small campus. It's almost like a little town. You don't need to go off-campus for anything so students just get caught up in their daily life."

--David Fantauzzi ('07)

Checking Out: What happens after Hope?

INFOCUS

With a struggling economy, Career Services offers aid to seniors entering tough job market

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With the local and national economies struggling to keep up with the floundering job market, many seniors at Hope are wondering what options are left after graduating. Some students see it as a daunting task to enter into a highly competitive market for employment. Students at Hope are finding that options for a future may require some changes.

Governor Granholm approved the 2004-2005 state budget. On Feb. 12. According to the Michigan Education Association, This included eliminating funding for the Tuition Grant Program for students at private colleges. This move saves the state an estimated \$64.8 million, yet it will put college students at a disadvantage, struggling with increases in tuition and an insecure job market.

Some seniors at Hope have considered going on to graduate school with the hopes of improving their marketability and simultaneously avoiding the declining rates of unemployment. Others simply realize that they have to be ready for the effects of changes in the economy.

"I'm aware that manufacturing and industrial jobs are leaving the country for cheaper labor elsewhere, creating a larger percentage of the population with lower-income jobs and most likely a larger percentage seeking aid money from the government," said Phil Johnson ('04).

According to Dale Austin, Hope's director of Career Services, in 2002-'03 the American job market decreased by 25-30 percent while the job market for college students alone plummeted 45 percent. Even with the dismal economy in mind, there are many things Hope students can do to prepare themselves for a promising future after graduation.

Hope's office of Career Services specializes in helping students prepare for the workforce and find employment.

"I went in not really knowing what to expect, but they have an entire library about everything from grad school to occupational manuals. A world of opportunity exists, and Career Services has some of the resources to focus and explore it more deeply," said Jennifer Jourdan ('04). Career Services offers students help in narrowing their career focus, developing resumes and honing interview skills.

Most jobs are found through networking, good resumes, good interviewing skills and good follow-up and digging.
—Chris Buckleitner, rep. of Michigan Works

"With the current economy, some students think it's harder to take initiative in finding job opportunities, but you need to take the initiative. There are job opportunities out there," said Austin.

The office of Career Services recommends a four-step process for seniors. First, students should clarify what they want to do, then develop a resume. Later, they should develop a plan for finding work and gaining confidence in interviewing skills. All of these things can be accomplished with the help of Career Services.

"By mid-February, seniors should have defined their area in a career, finalized their resume, and made contacts with employers," Austin said.

Chris Buckleitner, representative of MichiganWorks, a state-run work-assistance program, agrees with Austin.

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Career Services offers many programs to ensure students establish contacts and job opportunities. "Hope after Hope" is a program that links students to organizations with job openings. To participate in this program, seniors should register on the

eRecruiting page of the Career Services webpage.

There are also numerous job fairs and expositions in the area, which have been visited by

fewer and fewer students annually. This includes a "Health Career Fair" Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the atrium of the new Science Center and the West Michigan Career Connections" Monday at 10 a.m. in the Eberhard Center at Grand Valley. This includes representatives from more than 50 companies. "Career Expo" is held April 14 at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids and "West Michigan Teacher Search" is April 28 at Calvin College.

There are many Internet job searches available as well. MichiganWorks has a website (www.miworks.org) that anyone may use and log onto in order to place their resume in a statewide talent bank.

"It's easy to use, and by using keywords to flag specific educational and work backgrounds, you can link with employers as they enter the same keywords in a search for qualified workers," said Buckleitner. "I believe any serious job seeker should at least acquaint themselves with the basic workings of the system."

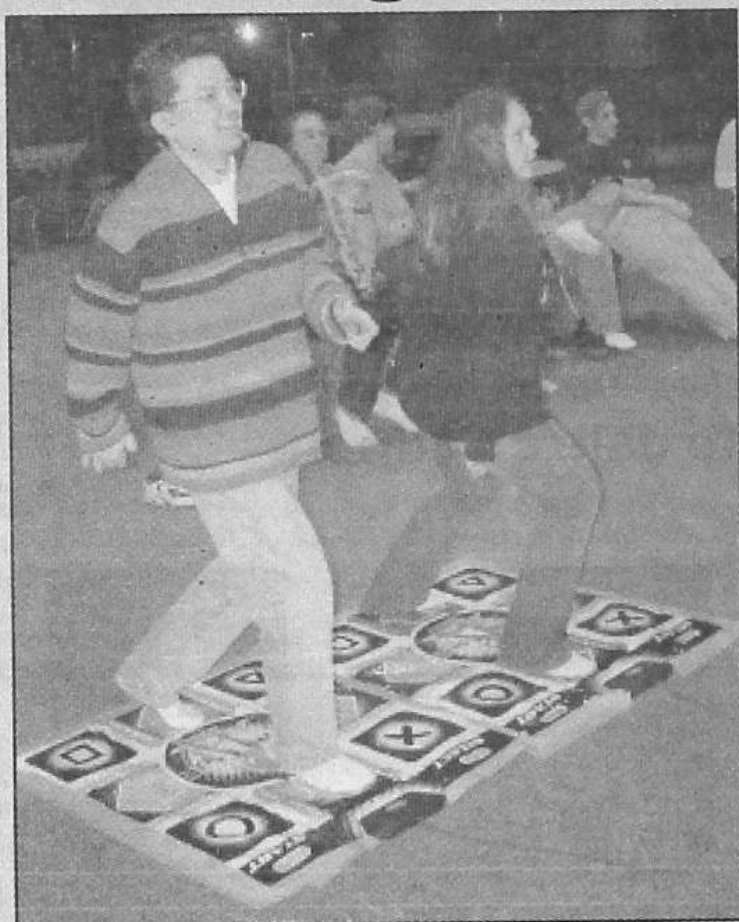
In spite of the sagging economy and availability of jobs for recent college graduates, there are still many options to prepare seniors for better marketability. By taking advantage of the resources Hope College has available and by getting a head start on resumes and interviewing skills, seniors will ready themselves for the numerous jobs that are available.

4 Senior Steps

In preparing for graduation, seniors should do the following:

1. Clarify their area of study
2. Develop a resume
3. Develop a plan for finding work
4. Gain confident interviewing skills

Dancing Away



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Kelly Swift ('04) and Andy Nakajima, professor of Japanese, show their dance moves at Dance Dance Revolution Marathon sponsored by the Japan Club. This event took place on Friday in Maas Conference Center to raise money for DeVoss Miracle Children through the approaching Dance Marathon fundraiser which will be held on March 6.

RESEARCH from 1

Textbook Development, utilizing Java under the supervision of Ryan McFall.

Applications may be completed online or received from Dershem. All interested students must submit an application on or before Feb. 20.

Ten-week research opportunities in the department of geological and environmental science are also

available. Research interests of faculty include Paleoenvironmental Characterization of a Dinosaur Site in Wyoming, led by Brian Bodenbender, and Geomorphology and the History of Sand Dunes, led by Bridget Doyle.

Application information may be obtained from Jon Peterson, professor of geological and environmen-

tal science, and applications are due by March 5.

The chemistry department is sponsoring research projects in several categories, including Analytical Research, Biochemistry Research, Environmental Chemistry Research, Inorganic Research, Organic Synthesis Research, and Physical Chemistry Research.

Via Maria presents The College Feast An Italian table for six

The perfect atmosphere for morning and afternoon study and for study group meetings. A place to come for an affordable dinner and a time to retreat for quiet reflection.

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Marinara with meatballs and spaghetti
Loaf of bread and giant cookie
\$9.95 per person
Lasagna
Traditional meat and cheese
With mushroom cream and spinach
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Choice of pasta
Fetuccini
Linguini
Spaghetti
Rigatoni
Penne
Bow tie
\$4 per person

Soup and Substance Conversation about career, calling and life

Dr. Chuck Greene
Department of Psychology and Director, Phelps Scholars 9 p.m.
Cook Hall Main Lounge

Ensemble meshes music with poetry

Wind Symphony concert includes water gongs, emotion-laden experience

Neil Simons
STAFF REPORTER

Dimnent Chapel has been home to many musical performances spanning a diverse range of genres, and next week the talent of the Hope College Wind Symphony will burst forth into the acoustical hollow of the cathedral with a selection of wind ensemble and chamber compositions.

The concert will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24 in Dimnent Chapel. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

"I am very excited about our wind symphony concert coming up," said Cari Chapin ('05), who plays flute for the Wind Symphony.

The Hope College Wind Symphony consists of 60 students who must audition for a place in the group. For this concert, the large ensemble will perform pieces including, "March" from the "Symphonic Metamorphosis" by Paul Hindemith and "O Magnum Mysterium" by Morton Lauridsen. "Both of these works are transcriptions—

the Hindemith originally for orchestra and the Lauridsen originally for chorus," said Steven Ward, Assistant Professor of Music and conductor.

According to Chapin, the Lauridsen piece is expected to be very emotional and very moving.

The diversity of the evening's repertoire continues beyond what a large wind ensemble offers and includes a selection of chamber orchestra compositions.

"There will be two chamber wind pieces on the program, Gounod's 'Petite Symphonie' for wind octet with flute, and Vaughan Williams' 'Household Music' which features the saxophone section," Ward said.

The jewel of the performance will take place as the finale—a piece composed by Pulitzer Prize winner Joseph Schwanter. Ward believes that this is the most important work of the evening.

Schwarter is a composer trained at the Chicago Conservatory and Northwestern Illinois University, and his 1977 piece titled, "And the Mountains Rising Nowhere," was based on a poem written by Carol Adler. The poem has been known to evoke vivid imagery, and Schwarter's composition seems to capture this imagery in an amazing display



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The Wind Symphony rehearses for its upcoming concert, which will feature a wide range of pieces and styles. It takes place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday in Dimnent Chapel.

of musical talent.

"It is an amazing piece that features the percussion section playing all kinds of instruments including water gongs, others playing crystal glasses, a difficult piano part—it is truly an experience to play and to listen to," Ward said. "The relationship of the Schwarter piece to [Adler's] poem is simply that it is intended to be a representation in sound of the poem, as well as a reaction to reading the words. Every stanza in the poem is represented by a section of music, and the line 'and the mountains rising nowhere' stands out in the middle of piece in a very powerful way."

Chapin agrees, stating that it is "an

All in all it will be a phenomenal concert.

-Abigail Bolkema ('07)

amazing piece that will be so thrilling to perform. It uses sounds beyond typical instrumental sounds to create the mood of the piece."

Though it will be a difficult performance to play, wind symphony member Abigail Bolkema ('07) comments that "all in all it will be a phenomenal concert."



Marianne Boruch reads at the Knick

Award winning poet is first Visiting Writer in this semester's Series

Jordan Wolfson
SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

This Thursday, the students and faculty of Hope College are invited to experience the works of Marianne Boruch, the featured artist in this month's

Marianne Boruch will read her work for the Visiting Writers Series at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Knickerbocker Theatre

Visiting Writers Series presentation. The reading will take place at 7 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theatre and will be preceded by a performance from the Hope Jazz Ensemble at 6:30. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

Boruch has written and published five very famous poetry collections as well as multiple essays, which she has compiled in a book entitled "Poetry's Old Air."

The winner of two Pushcart Prizes, Boruch has also been awarded two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Terence DePres Award. Her works have also been included in Poetry 180, a program started by poet Billy Collins that introduces

Both she and her work are brilliant.

-Jack Ridl, professor of English

poetry to high school students.

"We are very fortunate to have a poet and teacher of such stature as Marianne Boruch visit with us here at Hope," said Jack Ridl, professor of English and founder of VWS. "Both she and her work are brilliant, unpretentiously so. She is a master poet and a master teacher. Four Hope students have been incredibly fortunate to study with her in the MFA program at Purdue.

We are all very grateful for all she has done for them."

Boruch, also the director of the graduate writing program at Purdue University, has published high acclaimed books of poetry including "Poems New and Selected" (2004), "A Stick that Breaks and Breaks" (1997) and "Moss Burning" (1995). Her poems have found themselves in "The New Yorker," "The Nation" and many other magazines and publications. Her works have been added to the anthology entitled "The Best American Poetry, 1997," "Poets Reading: The Fiend Symposia" and elsewhere.

Hope musicians take talents to Allendale

Symphonette, 12th Street Harmony, small groups and soloists team up for joint away concert

Jordan Wolfson
SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

Every Friday evening is sacred to college students, for it is the time when one can escape the workloads of the week and experience a good dose of fun and entertainment. This coming Friday, the students of Hope College will be able to experience the music of the Hope Symphonette, the 12th Street Harmony a capella singers, along with small group and solo performances all in the same concert. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at the Allendale Second Christian Reformed Church.

The Symphonette was invited to be a part of the Allendale Cultural Enrichment Series, a program run out of Allendale that invites



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The Symphonette was originally scheduled to perform on campus, but will now be presenting a concert at the Allendale Second Christian Reformed Church.

bands from Colleges and Universities in West Michigan to play in their town. This year Hope was chosen to participate and thus the concert as a whole was able to add performances and showcase a wider selection of the musical talent here at Hope.

"We are looking forward to participating," said Margaret Kennedy-Dygas, a professor in the Music Department and coordinator of the Allendale performance.

Opening the show will be the piece "Petite Symphonie" by Charles Gounod, performed

by a small group of students. Following this will be multiple duet performances, featuring songs by many famous composers, Mozart among them. Scene two from the opera, "Little Red Riding Hood," will also be showcased. The 12th Street Harmony men will be performing "Kiss from a Rose" by David Wilner, and in the second half of the show the Hope College Symphonette will regale us with Mozart's "Symphony No. 26 in E flat Major," the shortest symphony that Mozart ever composed. Following this will be "Ancient Dances and Airs for Lute" by Ottorino Respighi, and the Symphonette will finish with "Concerto No. 2 in F minor, op. 21" by Chopin. The Symphonette will also be involved in a Midwest tour later this year, performing in many other states including Indiana and Wisconsin.

Tickets will be available at the Allendale Township office and Family Fare of Allendale. They will also be sold at the door. The church is located at 6950 Lake Michigan Drive in Allendale.

Dutchmen outlast Comets; stay atop MIAA